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SUBJECT: KENYATTA ON KISSINGER

1. WHILE WAITING TO SEE KENYATTA ON JULY 8, PRESIDENTIAL MINISTER OF STATE KOINANGE RECOUNTED TO ME KENYATTA'S REGARD FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER. THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON FOR WHOM KENYATTA HAS FELT SUCH A STRONG SENSE OF RAPPORT AND THAT WAS (BRITISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE) DUNCAN SANDYS. KOINANGE RECALLED WHEN SANDYS FIRST MET KENYATTA, AND SANDYS SAID: I HATED YOU. FROM EVERYTHING I HAD BEEN TOLD OF YOU I DESPISED YOU, AND YET, NOW, AS I SIT BEFORE YOU AND LISTEN TO YOU TALK, I SEE YOU DIFFERENTLY. FROM NOW ON I WANT TO FORGET THE PAST AND MY PAST THOUGHTS ABOUT YOU. I WANT TO BE ON A DIRECT PERSON-TO-PERSON BASIS WITH YOU. IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO CALL YOU JOMO, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL ME DUNCAN. NOW, WHAT IS IT I CAN DO FOR YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT? HOW CAN I HELP?

2. REFERRING TO THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION (IN MAY 1976) TO KENYATTA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, KOINANGE SAID: KENYATTA WOULD VISIT THE UNITED STATES ONLY BECAUSE KISSINGER HAS ASKED HIM; HE WOULD ONLY DO IT FOR HIM. MARSHALL

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